

# CONVERSATION WITH A PURPOSE

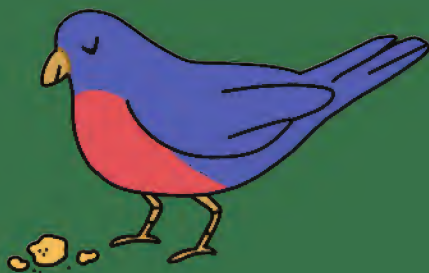
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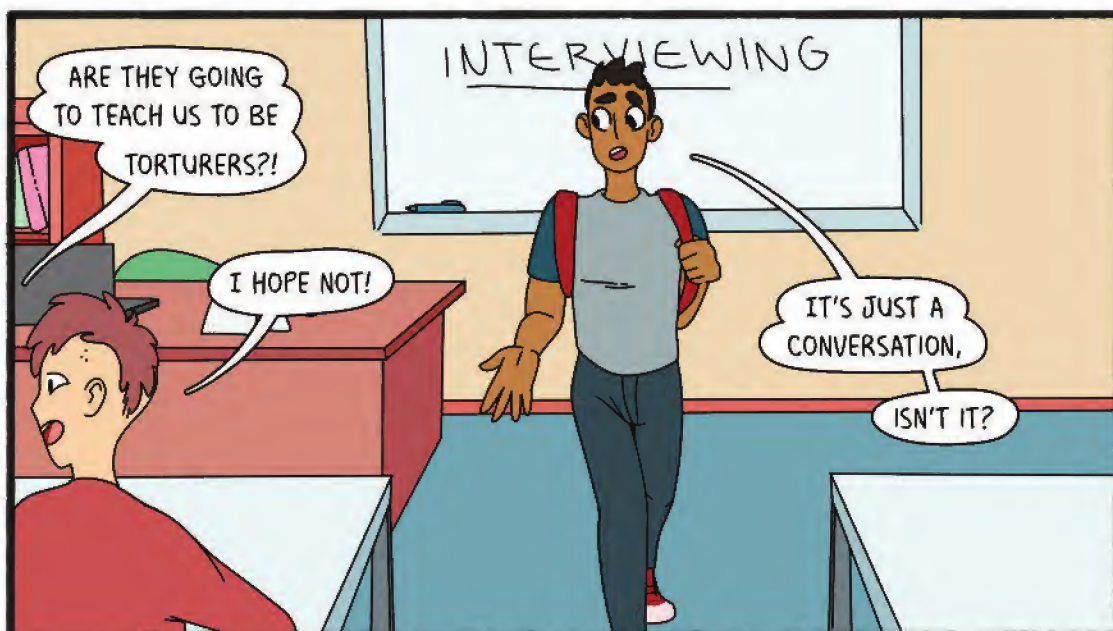
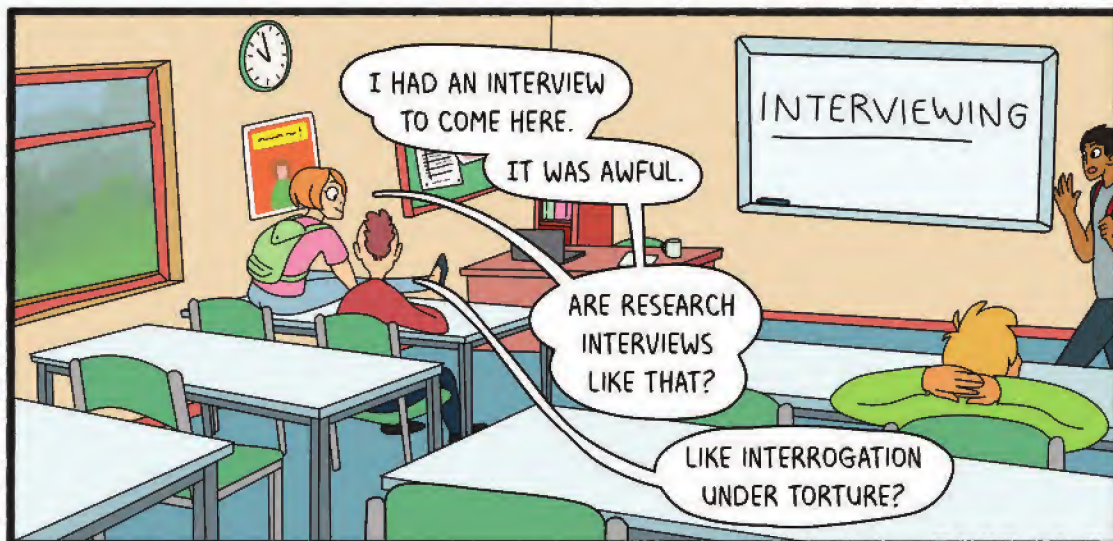
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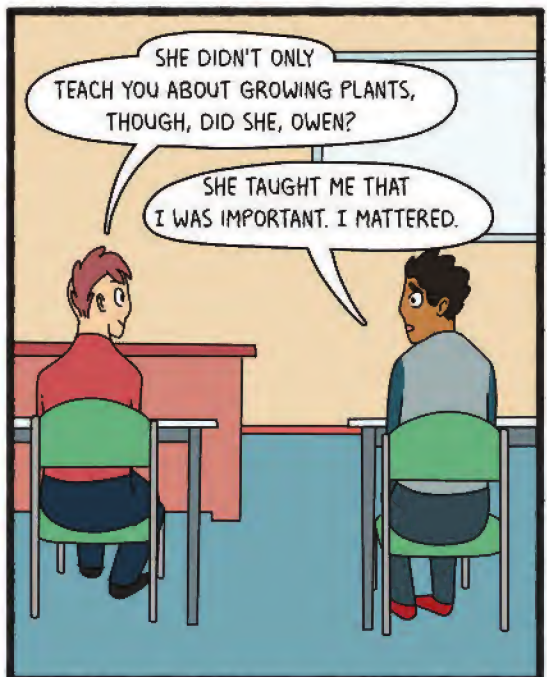
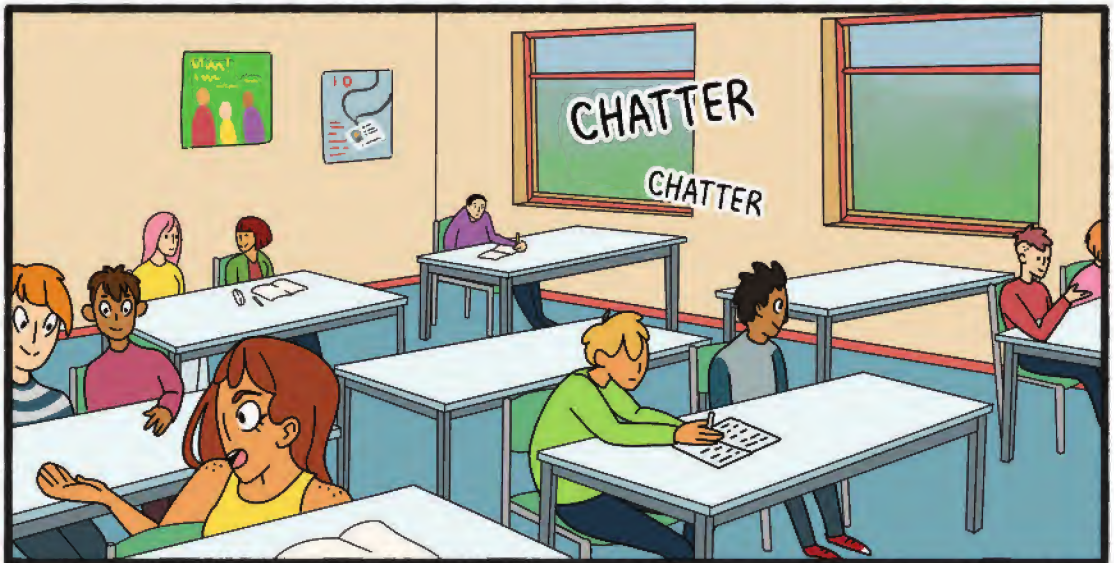
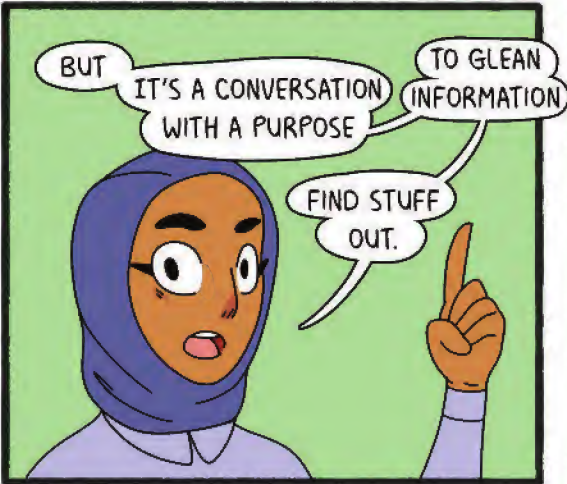
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A WOMAN CALLED ELLA...

I WONDER IF  
SHE LIVES ALONE...



IT'S WEIRD,

GOING TO SOMEONE'S HOME  
WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW THEM.











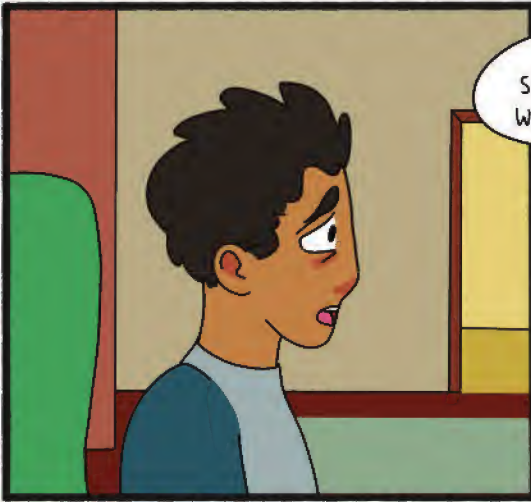












BUT I DO HAVE  
SOME LITTLE FRIENDS  
WHO LIKE MY BAKING.



COME.  
I'LL SHOW YOU.



TWEET.  
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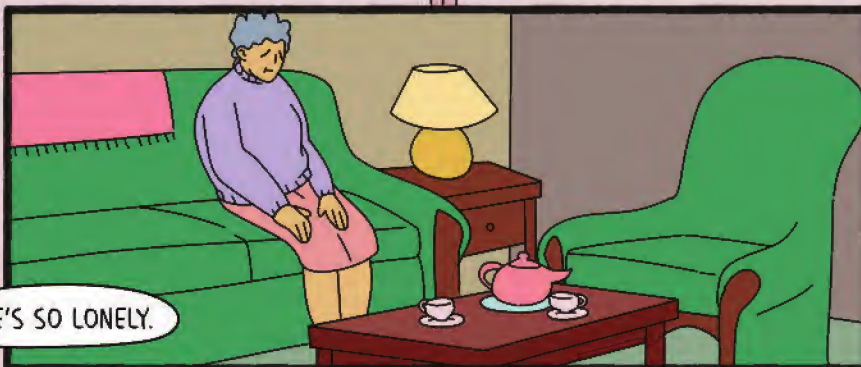


THANK YOU FOR  
TELLING ME SO MUCH  
ABOUT YOUR LIFE.



MAYBE YOU'LL COME  
BACK AND SEE ME  
SOME TIME?





SHE'S SO LONELY.

I DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE COULD BE SO LONELY.

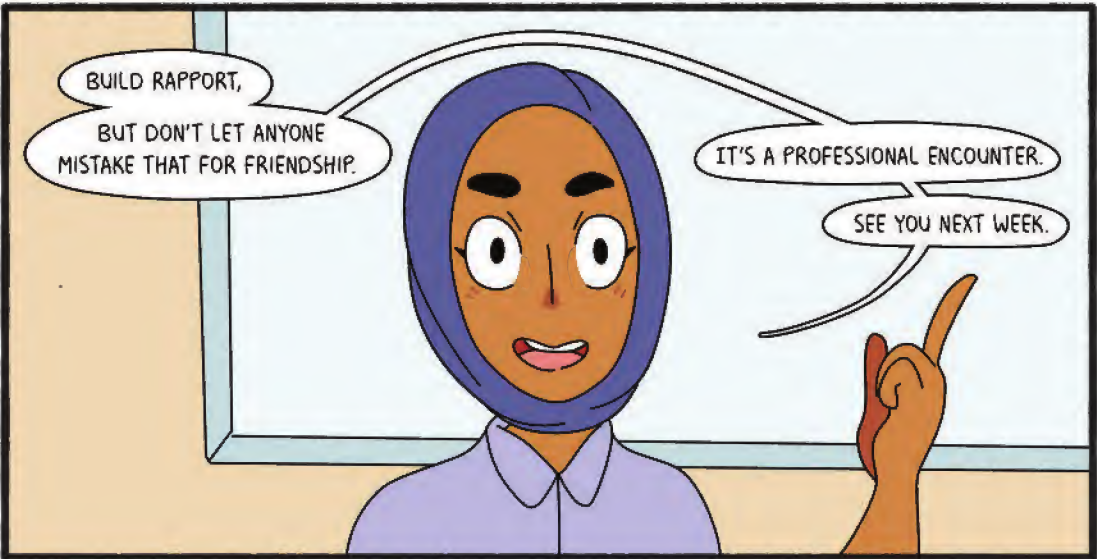
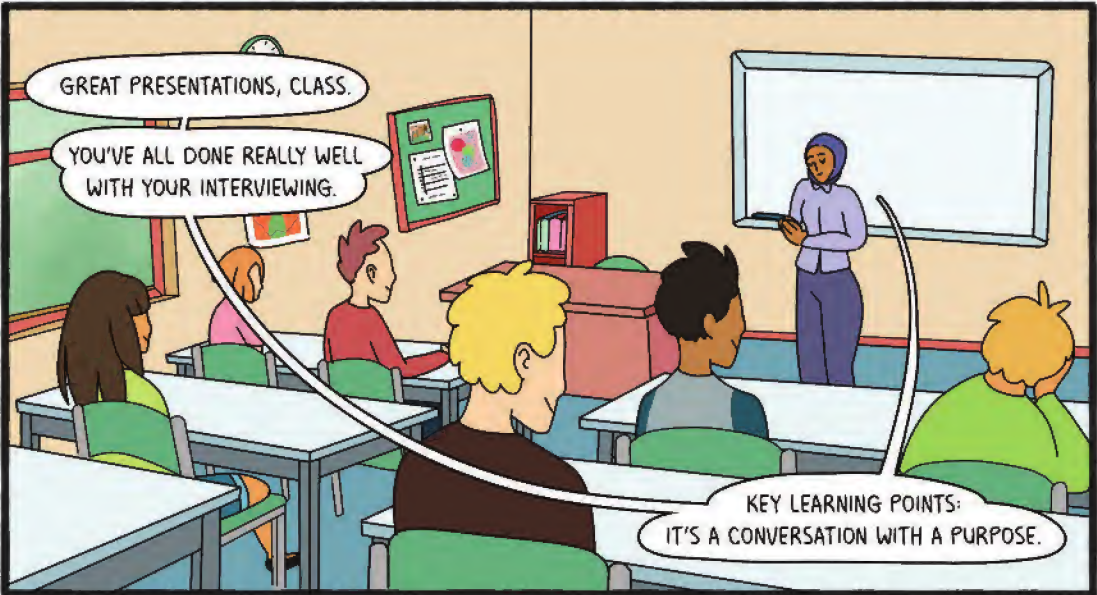


THAT CAKE IS WAY TOO GOOD FOR  
BIRD FOOD.

I WONDER

HOW MANY PEOPLE

LIVE LIKE ELLA?





1. HOW DO YOU THINK OWEN HANDLED THE INTERVIEW WITH ELLA? WAS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD HAVE DONE DIFFERENTLY? IF SO, WHAT, AND WHY?

2. OWEN ADMITTED TO ELLA THAT HE WAS NERVOUS. SHOULD HE HAVE DONE THIS? WHY?

3. DO YOU THINK ELLA WAS TELLING THE TRUTH IN HER INTERVIEW? WHY? WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS?

4. OWEN SHOWED HIS FEELINGS AT SEVERAL POINTS IN THE INTERVIEW. SHOULD HE HAVE DONE THIS? WHY?

5. SHOULD OWEN HAVE VISITED ELLA A SECOND TIME OR NOT? WHY?

THIS SHORT COMIC IS DESIGNED TO HELP BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN CLASSROOM AND PRACTICE FOR STUDENTS OF QUALITATIVE INTERVIEWING. OWEN'S FIRST REAL-LIFE INTERVIEW IS FULL OF SURPRISES. DO YOU THINK HE ACTED WISELY — OR UNWISELY?

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